



Edward "Sid" Dale Sidler

August 28, 1938 - September 23, 2016

Cedar Falls – Edward “Sid” Dale Sidler, age 78, of Cedar Falls, died Friday, September 23, 2016 at Western Home Communities Martin Center.

He was born August 28, 1938, in Maynard, Iowa, the son of John and Dorothy (Payne) Sidler. He graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1956. Upon entering the National Guard, he completed officer and flight schools.

He served in the US National Guard as a helicopter pilot, flying for Air Care of Covenant Medical Center following retirement from the Guard.

Survived by: five children; Lori (Dave) Rasmusson of Cedar Falls, Lisa (Mike) Bown of Green Bay, WI, Tom (Angel) Sidler of Birmingham, AL, Samantha (Patrick) Buckingham of Ankeny, and John (Jesica) Sidler of Boone; 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Donald (Kathy) Sidler of Burnsville, MN, and Laverne (Glenda) Sidler of Waterloo; a sister, Sally (Merle) Pedley of Ocheyedan, IA, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: a sister, Laura Mae Copeland, and a brother, Jim Sidler.

Memorial Services will be 10am Saturday, Oct 1, 2016 at Prairie Lakes Church, Cedar Falls. Visitation will be from 4-7pm Friday, at Richardson Funeral Service. Military Honors provided by the Cedar Falls AMVETS post #49.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Memorial Service

OCT **1**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Prairie Lakes Church
1907 Viking Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-2655
<http://www.prairielakeschurch.org>

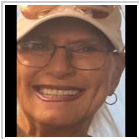
Tribute Wall

CS

“ *My sincere condolences. All of my memories of Ed are fond ones.*

Cee Cee Sidler

Cee Cee Sidler - October 19, 2016 at 05:49 AM



“ *Kathy Dray lit a candle in memory of Edward "Sid" Dale Sidler*



Kathy Dray - October 01, 2016 at 07:07 PM

TH

“ *Thank you for asking the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49 Honor Guard to conduct full military rites for Edward's funeral. It was our privilege to honor his service to our country in the US Army.*

*Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49
Honor Guard Unit*

Tom Hagarty - October 01, 2016 at 03:53 PM

AE

“ *AASF #2 Employees purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Edward "Sid" Dale Sidler.*



AASF #2 Employees - September 30, 2016 at 02:19 PM

EG

“ I was fortunate to serve with "Sid" for many years. I first met him at Camp Ripley when he became the maintenance officer and I was the platoon sgt. I then became the flight opns NCO and he was the facility commander at Waterloo AASF. I have many great memories serving with "Sid" and still saw him at our breakfasts at Gravies. God Bless you and your family as you move thorough this time. Ed Gabbard CSM retired.

Ed Gabbard - September 29, 2016 at 04:40 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Edward "Sid" Dale Sidler.



September 29, 2016 at 09:09 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward "Sid" Dale Sidler.



September 28, 2016 at 09:45 PM

AR

“ *My sincere sadness at Sid's passing. A man who mentored many and played as hard as he worked...Ed was the Instigator, with a passion for having fun. always the sparkle in his eye and a smile on his face....A true friend who will be missed by so many. I am privileged to have been a chapter in his life. I will always smile when I think about him. Good bye Ed, We will see you on the other side.....Until then.....*

Ann Ryan

Ann Ryan - September 27, 2016 at 11:36 PM

AR

OH..And Ed, Please say a howdy to David for me.....

Ann Ryan - September 27, 2016 at 11:42 PM

RL

“ *I am privileged to share grandpa membership with Ed to Jaden Edward and JoLea Reta Sidler. I have only known Ed for a relatively short time but appreciate and respect the way in which he welcomed my daughter into his family and also his service to our country. I love his son John for the values and responsibility he shows caring for his family and also greatly respect his and Jessica's dedication and service to our country. I am proud to call him son and will forever treat him as one of my own! I also promise to keep his memory alive for his grand children and to support and honor John and Jessica to continue his legacy for as long as I am able. RIP Ed, my friend, my grandpa co-conspirator, and my daughters co-father!*

Rod lemon - September 27, 2016 at 10:53 PM

JW

“ COL. Sidler hired me as a Unit Administrator for the Iowa Army National Guard in Waterloo, in 1973. I have fond memories of Ed Sidler! May he rest in peace; my sincere condolences to family.

James Wettestad - September 27, 2016 at 08:10 PM

SC

Hi there, sorry for everyone's loss. My name is Sean Couch and I'm researching a flight helmet that I believe belonged to Col. Sidler. reach out with an email so we can discuss if possible. Thank you.

Sean L. Couch - March 24, 2025 at 12:43 PM

DS

“ Many happy memories of brother Ed. Here are some of many.. I had a new 55 Pontiac when I came home from Korea. Ed was the first one to try it out to see how fast it would go. Told me about it later. Ed went with me (pulling a U-Haul) to Finland, MN to help me find a place to live during my new assignment at Finland Air Base. This is one some of you can relate to... Ed stopped by our house one time coming home from Ripley with his M/C loaded down with sleeping bags etc on the back seat. I said that looks pretty comfy, and he said, "yah, that's Sylvia only she don't talk." And speaking of motorcycles, I will always remember the many motorcycle trips I took with Ed, a couple in particular were one where Dorothy and I met ED, Sylvia and Tom in Redmond, Oregon and rode together on the way home. And a couple to BMW rallies in Missouri, one with John riding along on his bike, and one with Sam on the backseat of Ed's bike. And I will always remember a couple camping trips with Ed and the kids, one to Lake Carlos in Alexandria, Mn and one to the Black Hills. So many memories. I have pictures of all of them that rotate on our digital picture frame so I see them every day.

Enough of that... am honored to be a part of his family growing up... Lori, Lisa, Tom and later Sam and John. You all have families now, but cherish the memories of your Dad which cannot be taken away. His death seemed so sudden, but be happy in the thought that now he is in a better place.

And don't forget his service to his country, his long career in the Army and National Guard. And now John is following in his footsteps. And John is named after another great man, His Grandfather and My Dad. Good genes.

Donald Sidler - September 27, 2016 at 10:12 AM

BS

“ So sorry to the Sidler family for your loss. As his state bowling partner and pepper partner, he was my mentor. We bowled from Sioux City to Davenport and all in between. Ed would always say move 2 boards to the right and it always worked. May God Bless you Ed Sidler.
Bruce Schaffer

Bruce Schaffer - September 27, 2016 at 06:54 AM

KW

“ Dear John and Jesica, so sorry to hear of your father's death. We are remembering your whole family in prayer during this difficult time. May God give you comfort and peace.
Love, Phil and Kathy Winkle

KPhil and Kathy Winkle - September 26, 2016 at 08:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward "Sid" Dale Sidler.



September 26, 2016 at 05:27 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Edward "Sid" Dale Sidler.



September 26, 2016 at 02:24 PM

LW

“ Sid was the main reason I joined the Guard , twice. He was like a big brother to me, one who will be always there , he always had that smile and a Don't worry about it, even when you Messed up, heck of a pilot, better friend, and brother,

Larry "Bear" Wright - September 26, 2016 at 10:50 AM

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Sean L. Couch - March 24, 2025 at 12:44 PM

RK

“ Uncle Ed gave my sister and I our first airplane ride and showed us our house from above! Pretty cool to have that memory. But, for as long as I live, I will be grateful to him for his faithful support of my dad and mom during the most difficult year our family experienced. Thank you Uncle Ed. You are loved and missed. Rest peacefully. Your niece, Rebecca.

Rebecca Krysiak - September 26, 2016 at 08:35 AM

CH

I second that, Rebecca! Ed was a lifesaver this past year! I'm grateful beyond words! I'm thankful for all of the wonderful memories of growing up with Ed for an uncle! He is loved GREATLY and will always hold a very special place in my heart! I'm honored to be his niece!

Cheryl - September 26, 2016 at 10:01 AM

KP

*Uncle Ed, don't know what to say, but have many memories, also gave me my first airplane ride over the farm near Ocheyedan, he landed in our pasture and gave us all rides. Was my inspiration to get my pilots license, it took me many years but I finally did it. You have escaped the surly bonds of earth and will soar forever and always be in our hearts!!!
Kevin & Becky & Family*

Kevin Pedley - September 26, 2016 at 02:12 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward "Sid" Dale Sidler.



September 25, 2016 at 11:07 PM

JB

“ I remember a summer camp that I took my Fathers ski boat to camp and on the middle weekend several of us took the boat to round lake on the south end of camp ripley for the day. We took turns driving and skiing and when it was my turn to ski, Sid drove the boat and I was on the intertube. Sid went full throttle and turned the corner real tight and I went flying off the tube and skipped across the water like flat rock. They all laughed at me. (Jerry Burton)

Jerry Burton - September 25, 2016 at 04:40 PM



Sid was the Commander of the Air Cav unit I joined in 1971. A truly great leader of men, and a hilarious, man among men. My first Annual Training, we had a (beer soaked) Officer vs. Enlisted softball game. I hit one down the first base line, rounded first, and there he was, survival knife in hand, gesturing to try and turn it into a double. I could tell stories about this fine gentleman for days... We all loved him and called him "Obi-Wan".

Dave Morse - September 25, 2016 at 09:00 PM

ML

Sid was one of the most fun loving men I have ever known, and was a blast to be with. He was kind and gentle as well. I will miss you buddy.
Bump Lennen

Michael "Bump" Lennen - September 26, 2016 at 08:20 AM

MH

Sid was a "one-of-a-kind". As others have mentioned, he made being in D Troop fun. I remember flying with Sid on a return flight from summer camp at Ripley. We both were a little worse for wear after our "end of camp" celebration. Well, Ed would fly until he would start nodding off then I'd fly until I started nodding off. We traded off doing this most of the way back to Waterloo. We laughed that this probably wasn't the safest flight we'd ever made. Ed may be gone but he will never be forgotten!

Mark Howard - September 26, 2016 at 10:44 AM

HS

Ed and I graduated the same year, 56, from CFHS, we both ended up in flight school. at the same time. He was at Ft Rucker and I was at Pensacola. He had a family by that time and I was still single. I rode home on Christmas with the whole group. He would take me for rides when I made it home on leave, and we would fly very low over the Cedar. He was a natural pilot and gentlemen, I will miss him greatly. I named my first born after him, James Edward.

Harold Rae Scott - September 27, 2016 at 03:23 PM

SH

When I first got hired at the hangar by Don Ticknor, Sid was away at some school. I heard so many tales about this "lovable renegade", I didn't know what to expect when I would first meet him. He lived up to all the "legends" and then some. I could count on one hand the friends I've had who were loved and loved life. He is one of them. You will be missed, Sid.

Steve Hyde - September 28, 2016 at 03:08 PM

LS

Many happy memories of my brother Ed. He was always ready to help out whenever asked. He stopped by many times when my one and only grandchild Jacob was visiting and he would always bring a special treat for him. During this past year he stopped in many, many times when I was terribly ill and it was very helpful for my wife Glenda. During that time I spent many days and nights in New Aldaya in Cedar Falls and he stopped in to see me many times. Then during his last days he spent many days in New Aldaya when I stopped in to see him and his visiting family members. During the last years we met many times for breakfast together. During these last days it was extremely difficult seeing him getting worse each day.

So many memories I could write a book. I will miss him greatly! Ed went by "Sid" as do I so we never quite knew which one of us people were addressing or talking about. He will definitely be missed by many!

Laverne Lee Sidler

Laverne Sidler - September 29, 2016 at 02:24 PM

AL

I knew Ed as 'Papa Sid'. He was always cool with a joke or some other comedy story. I used to babysit Sam and John since they were little kids. Ed and Diana always made me feel like family. They gave me many happy memories that I cherish till this day and more. They did an excellent job of making sure my ducks were in a row when it came to school. I miss Papa Sid and company so much. He will forever live in my memories and they are cherished ones. Love you all lots. Ang Lorenz

Angie Lorenz - October 10, 2022 at 07:47 PM

SC

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